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TRANSMITTAL FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled TEXT MINING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING FEATURES OF DOCUMENTS in the name of the following inventor(s): Ruck Thawonmas, Akio Sakamoto, Shinji Mizobuchi, and Masutatsu Yoshioka.

Enclosed are the following:

- ☒ A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising fifty-two (52) pages.
- ☒ Twelve (12) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ A joint signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ An Assignment conveying the invention to SSR Co., Ltd. and Kochi University of Technology, including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- ☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- ☒ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

☐ Enclosed is a non-publication request requesting that the present application not be published.

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☒ Priority to Japanese Application Serial No. 2000-197421 filed on June 29, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☒ A certified copy of foreign priority application Serial No. 2000-197421 is enclosed.

☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

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Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 31 day of May 2001.

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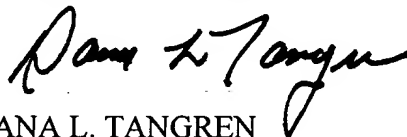
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